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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/677,930

Applicant(s)

SOLANKI ET AL.

Examiner

KRISTINE K. RAPILLO

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/28/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 21-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/2/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/C. Luke Gilligan/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3626

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is in response to the amendment filed June 28, 2010. Claims 1, 16, 21, 24, and 37 are amended. Claim 20 is cancelled. Claims 1 – 19 and 21 – 37 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 and 35 USC § 103

2. The rejections under 35 USC § 112 and 35 USC § 103 are withdrawn by the Examiner based on the changes made by Applicants to the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1 – 19 and 21 – 37 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reasons for the allowance of claim 1 is the inclusion of the limitation in the claims, which is not found in the prior art references a method for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company comprising: authorizing electronic requests from a customer user seeking a plurality of quotes from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies; receiving data at an application server from a first user for the plurality of quotes of reinsurance where the data provided includes at least one specific insurance policy issued by a first insurance company; retrieving the data received from the first user and relating the data to at least one specific insurance policy for processing at a profitability engine; generating a profitability analysis for each of the reinsurance policies quoted using the retrieved data, where the profitability analysis indicated whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the first insurance company; processing the data according to rules within a database to generate the plurality of quotes of reinsurance for the specific insurance policy and electronically communicating the reinsurance quotes to the first user; and, enabling the first user to select one of the reinsurance policies quoted for improving profitability of the first insurance company.

The primary reasons for the allowance of claim 16 is the inclusion of the limitation in the claims, which is not found in the prior art references a system for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company

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comprising: a web server for receiving electronic requests from a customer user seeking quotes from the reinsurance company and authenticating users generating the requests; an application server connected to the web server for formulating the quote based upon the requests; a profitability engine for analyzing profitability of the quotation; a database for storing the quotation and other data used in generating the quote; receive electronic requests from a customer user seeking a plurality of quotes from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies; receive data from a first user for the plurality of quotes of reinsurance where the data provided includes at least one specific insurance policy issued by a first insurance company; retrieve the data received from the first user and relating the data to at least one specific insurance policy for processing at a profitability engine; generate a profitability analysis for each of the reinsurance policies quoted using the retrieved data, where the profitability analysis indicated whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the first insurance company; process the data according to rules within a database to generate the plurality of quotes of reinsurance for the specific insurance policy and electronically communicate the reinsurance quotes to the first user; and, prompt the first user to select one of the reinsurance policies quoted for improving profitability of the first insurance company.

The primary reasons for the allowance of claim 24 is the inclusion of the limitation in the claims, which is not found in the prior art references a software product comprising instructions stored on computer readable media, where the instructions are executed by a computer to perform the steps for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company comprising: authorizing electronic requests from a customer user seeking a plurality of quotes from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies; receiving data at an application server from a first user for the plurality of quotes of reinsurance where the data provided includes at least one specific insurance policy issued by a first insurance company; retrieving the data received from the first user and relating the data to at least one specific insurance policy for processing at a profitability engine; generating a profitability analysis for each of the reinsurance policies quoted using the retrieved data, where the profitability analysis indicated whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the first insurance company; processing the data according to rules within a database to generate the plurality of

quotes of reinsurance for the specific insurance policy and electronically communicating the reinsurance quotes to the first user; and, prompting the first user to select one of the reinsurance policies quoted for improving profitability of the first insurance company.

The closes prior art reference, Best-Devereux (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0082875 A1) teaches a method and system in which a user, representing an insurance company, submits a request for reinsurance (paragraphs 34 through 37) and the request includes information regarding the initial insurance policy (paragraphs 31, 37, and 72). The data submitted by a user is processed in order to generate a quote to the user (paragraphs 71 and 103). Best-Devereux also discloses the use of a digital signature (paragraph 60), implying an electronic transmission of data.

The prior art reference Steinmann (U.S Publication Number 2003/0083908 A1) teaches a method and system for reinsurance placement where a cedent interface and reinsurer interface are the user interfaces in which participants interact. A request for quotation preferably requires a user name and password for security (Figure 12 A-B, Figure 13 A-B; paragraphs 150 and 211).

The prior art reference Apte et al., herein after Apte (U.S. Patent Number 5,970,464) teaches a method for data mining based underwriting profitability analysis in which a business analysis client generates an actuarial output of an estimation of improved profitability; the business client received data from the data mining kernel and the risk group (column 3, lines 34 – 41).

Originally numbered claims 2 – 15; 17 – 19 and 21 – 23; and, 25 – 37 are dependent on originally numbered claims 1, 16, and 24 respectively and therefore incorporate the allowable features of originally numbered claims 1, 16, and 24 through dependency.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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In related art, Medina et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0116210) discloses a computerized method for online quoting and pricing of tasks.

In related art, Harrell et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0156656) discloses a method for selling marine cargo insurance in a network environment.

In related art, Luedtke (U.S. Publication Number 2003/0018497) discloses an online method for binding automatic type reinsurance.

In related art, Ariathurai et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0198743) discloses network architecture and management system for conducting insurance activities on a network.

In related art, Kelly et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,806,042) discloses a system for designing and implementing bank owned life insurance (BOLI) with a reinsurance option.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and is not of particular significance. These prior art patents fail to teach or fairly suggest of a method of for quoting reinsurance for a reinsurance company comprising: authorizing electronic requests from a customer user seeking a plurality of quotes from the reinsurance company for reinsuring insurance policies underwritten by the insurance companies; receiving data at an application server from a first user for the plurality of quotes of reinsurance where the data provided includes at least one specific insurance policy issued by a first insurance company; retrieving the data received from the first user and relating the data to at least one specific insurance policy for processing at a profitability engine; generating a profitability analysis for each of the reinsurance policies quoted using the retrieved data, where the profitability analysis indicated whether the quoted reinsurance policy improves profitability of the first insurance company; processing the data according to rules within a database to generate the plurality of quotes of reinsurance for the specific insurance policy and electronically communicating the reinsurance quotes to the first user; and, enabling the first user to select one of the reinsurance policies quoted for improving profitability of the first insurance company.

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/K. K. R./

Examiner, Art Unit 3626

/C. Luke Gilligan/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3626